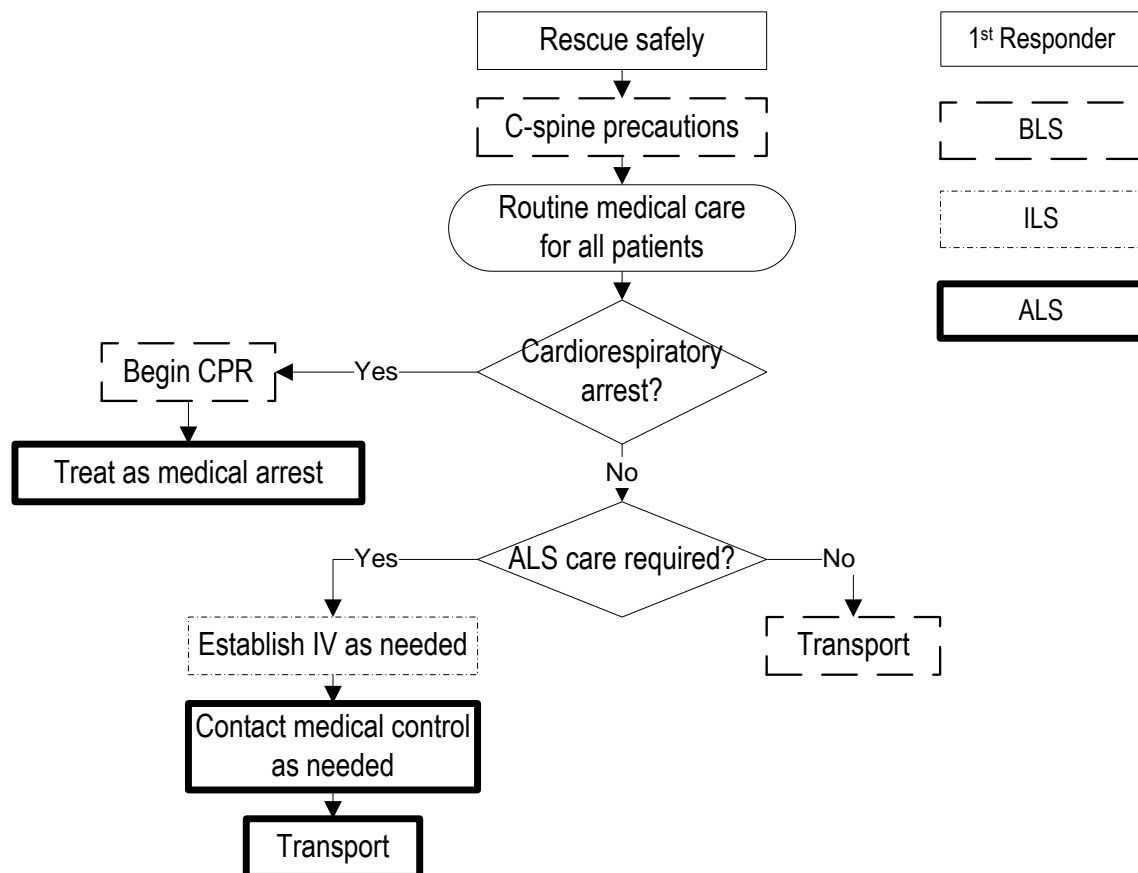


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
STANDARD OF CARE  
HANGING**

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<b>History:</b>	<b>Signs/Symptoms:</b>	<b>Working Assessment:</b>
Patient found hanging	Altered level of consciousness Possible c-spine injury Possible cardiac arrest Respiratory distress	Hanging



**NOTES:**

- A patient in cardiorespiratory arrest is to be treated as a medical arrest and resuscitation is to be attempted at the scene.
- Attempt to determine and document accidental versus intentional injury, history of substance abuse and history of prior suicide attempts.
- Attempt to determine length of time patient was hanging.